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Radio Afghanistan newspaper, 3 p. m. August 20

President Mohammed Daoud received in audience the elders of northern, central and southwest Afghanistan who congratulated him for the formation of the Republic. The President expressed to them his desire to serve his country.

Similarly the representatives of the Afghan Volunteer Women's Association were received in audience by the President to extend their felicitations.

The Polish Ambassador paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Information and Culture at 10 a. m. yesterday in the latter's office.

The Junbooriat, government daily, morningstar, August 20

In its editorial regarding new public appointments, the paper says it believes that the time is ripe to a point in public offices only those who are enthusiastic about the country's progress and not those who are looking after their own interests. There are many progressive elements among the youth but only those should be selected who are most qualified and have strong characters and self-respect.

In its second editorial, the Junbooriat says according to a report from the Ministry of Commerce, a few West German companies have offered to buy fruit from Afghanistan. There is no doubt that this country produces some of the best fruits in the world and had there been any efforts made in the past, Afghanistan's fruits would have been sold in Europe, both fresh and dried. However, the present move is a welcome one to benefit the fruit producers as well as others and consequently will help national economy.

In a letter to the editor, Mohammed Nasim complains that doctors in the Civil Servants Health Insurance prescribe only the best types of medicine.

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The Hedayat, government daily, evenin' (Kabul) August 19

In its editorial on the export of fruits and vegetables from Afghanistan, the paper says there is no doubt about the quality of Afghan fruit nor regarding the demand for them in foreign markets. What the country ought to do is to improve the existing methods in connection with exporting them. Only such fruits should be exported that are healthy and clean. In this way, Afghanistan can export fruits and vegetables not only to Europe but also to the Middle East which is closer. The efforts made by the Ministry of Commerce in this connection happily coinciding with the beginning of reforms to be launched by the republican regime.

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